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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-
PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT
MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE OF
COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS
PRECURSORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case.

Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 5, please insert the following paragraph: